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Please send any amateur satellite news or reports to:
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2016 AMSAT-NA Board of Directors Nomination Deadline This Week

It's time to submit nominations for the upcoming AMSAT-NA Board of Directors election. Three director's terms expire this year: Tom Clark, K3IO, JoAnne Maenpaa, K9JKM, and Lou McFadin, W5DID. In addition, up to two Alternates may be elected for one year terms.

A valid nomination requires either one Member Society or five current individual members in good standing to nominate an AMSAT-NA member for Director. Written nominations, consisting of the nominee's name and call, and the nominating individual's names, calls and individual signatures should be mailed to: AMSAT-NA, 10605 Concord St, #304 Kensington, MD 20895-2526.

In addition to traditional submissions of written nominations, which is the preferred method, the intent to nominate someone may be made by electronic means. These include e-mail, Fax, or electronic image of a petition. Electronic petitions should be sent to MARTHA at AMSAT.ORG or Faxed to (301)822-4371.

No matter what means is used, petitions MUST arrive no later than June 15th at the AMSAT-NA office. If the nomination is a traditional

written nomination, no other action is required. If it is other than this, i.e. electronic, a verifying traditional written petition MUST be received at the AMSAT-NA office at the above address within 7 days following the close of nominations on June 15th.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WITHOUT THIS SECOND, WRITTEN VERIFICATION ARE NOT VALID UNDER THE EXISTING AMSAT-NA BYLAWS.

[ANS thanks AMSAT-NA Secretary, Paul Stoetzer, N8HM, for the above information]

ARRL Network Maintenance Set for Sunday, June 12

The ARRL IT Department will conduct network maintenance on Sunday, June 12, to improve reliability and security. The work will occur between 1100 UTC and 2300 UTC.

During this period some or all systems may be temporarily unavailable, including the website. Among services that will be affected are the ARRL Store, the National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) page, Logbook of The World (LoTW), the DXCC page, and the ARRL VEC page. E-mail also will be offline, but all messages will be queued for later delivery. Telephone service to ARRL Headquarters also may be affected.

ARRL apologizes for any inconvenience.

[ANS thanks the ARRL for the above information]

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38 Years of Satellite Contacts Nets Satellite WAS for K8BL

Congratulations are in order to Bob Liddy, K8BL, for achieving Worked All States via satellite and earning WAS Satellite Award #341. The contacts for his award spanned 38 years. Bob's oldest satellite QSL card was from W7LSV in Oregon, 10/13/78 for an Oscar 8 Mode A CW contact. Bob's last state contacted was North Dakota W0N for a contact with Wyatt, AC0RA, via SO50 FM on 11/13/15.

An AMSAT member since 1979, Bob wrote via the amsat-bb, "Earlier this year, I was going through my paper QSL's getting ready to make some submissions for various ARRL Awards at the Dayton Hamvention. Sorting through the cards, I made a stack of Satellite QSL's. I started to notice that I had quite a few States confirmed and wondered if I was finally close to WAS even though I wasn't really int he hunt very seriously. Would you believe I had them ALL worked but was only missing a QSL from Vermont?!!

Happily, it was Nick, KB1RVT who I KNEW was always good for a confirmation which he quickly returned confirming our contact via SO-50 FM on 1/4/16. 50 Paper QSL's, 38 Years!! WHEW!! Thanks to all who helped."

[ANS thanks -and, congratulates - Bob Liddy, K8BL for the above information]

Special Event Station K1D to Operate Satellites on Field Day 2016

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2016 is June 25-26.

In an effort to encourage more kids and their families to get involved in the hobby, the kids at Ham Radio (dot) World are working to put an all-kids Special Event ARRL Field Day station on the air in 2016. This station will have the special event call sign of K1D and it will be set-up, operated, and put away by kids who are ham radio operators. Kids of all ages and their parents (both licensed hams and non-hams alike) are encouraged to come out and participate in this exciting event. New hams and even non-hams can experience the excitement of talking to people around the world with the Get On the Air (GOTA) station, which will have the callsign K4G. Both stations
will operate from grid EL99IA in Deland, Florida, USA.

The kids will be on the HF bands and on the Amateur Radio satellites. K1D will
be joined by AMSAT's Vice-President Operations, Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA, who will be a kid-for-a-day to help get the kids on the linear satellites. Look for them and give them a shout!

The K1D Special Event Field Day station will be built by the kids prior to the Field Day activities. The kids have built a solar power solution—from scratch—to use to power their K1D Special Event Field Day station. Kyocera Solar and West Mountain Radio have graciously donated parts to this solar power supply – THANK YOU! They also plan on using a Genasun MPPT Charge Controller to manage charging the battery. Emmett of Radiowavz.com is providing a Sentinel Expedition Hex Beam for K1D. Finally, the kids have built their own W7FG True Ladder Line antenna with parts provided by TrueLadderLine.com and are building additional antennas to use for Field Day. Keep watching Ham Radio (dot) World for videos of the kids as they build their Special Event Station.

Join WX4TVJ (Zechariah), who was licensed at 12 years old,
AE4FH (Faith Hannah), who was licensed at 10 years old, KM4IPF (Hope), who was licensed at 8 years old, & 7 year old Grace (KM4TXT)for Field Day 2016. Listen for them on the air and give them a break by making K1D one of your 2016 Field Day contacts.

For helping to encourage youth in amateur radio, stations who work K1D and/or K4G during the 2016 ARRL Field Day will be eligible for a special K1D/K4G Commemorative QSL card.

More information at
http://hamradio.world/

[ANS thanks James, WX4TV for the above information]

K6R Expedition to Santa Rosa Island and CM93

The K6R Satellite Expedition to Santa Rosa Island and CM93 is a go for September
16th-18th, 2016. Permissions have been secured and arrangements made to get to
the island, spend 2 nights camping, and operate on a number of Satellite passes
– as well as some terrestrial and HF too.

Updates will be on the K6R QRZ.com page at
https://www.qrz.com/lookup/K6R and
over the coming months FAQs, pictures, and more information will be added.

[ANS thanks Wyatt, AC0RA & Dave, KG5CCI, for the above information]

Download Planetary Society's LightSail-2 Morse Beacon as a Ringtone

On the Planetary Society's Blog Jason Davis wrote about reception of the
morse
code beacon from the upcoming LightSail-2 mission ... "Many off-the-shelf
CubeSat software packages also have an option to transmit Morse code
beacons,
and for the LightSail 2 mission, we're activating this feature. Every 45
seconds, the spacecraft will transmit "L-S-2," and radio operators tuned
in to
the spacecraft's 437.325 megahertz frequency should be able to hear it."

The Blog provides details of how to make the LightSail-2 morse code
beacon into
a ringtone on your phone:

http://www.planetary.org/blogs/jason-davis/2016/20160609-lightsail-2-morse-
code.html

[ANS thanks the Planetary Society for the above information and wishes them
success with their LightSail-2 mission]

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In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the
President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining
donors to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive addi-
tional benefits. Application forms are available from the AMSAT
Office.

Primary and secondary school students are eligible for membership
at one-half the standard yearly rate. Post-secondary school students
enrolled in at least half time status shall be eligible for the stu-
dent rate for a maximum of 6 post-secondary years in this status.
Contact Martha at the AMSAT Office for additional student membership
information.

73,
This week's ANS Editor,
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